

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**WRIT OF ELECTION  
TO THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:**

On August 6, 2019, a Republican Primary Election for Senator in Senate District 50 was conducted by the Harrison County Election Commissioners on behalf of the Harrison County Republican Executive Committee. The Committee certified Dixie Newman as the winner of the primary election by a one vote margin over Scott DeLano. DeLano filed a Petition for Contest of Primary Election and Judicial Review. After investigation, the parties agreed that certain voting irregularities occurred and made a joint request to the Committee that the election results should be decertified and a special election should be called with a partial revote in certain precincts.

On September 17, 2019, Special Circuit Court Judge Richard W. McKenzie, Senior Status Judge, Circuit Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, Second Judicial District, *IN RE: REPUBLICAN PRIMARY FOR MISSISSIPPI SENATE DISTRICT 50, B/W SCOTT DELANO AND DIXIE NEWMAN*, Cause No. A2402-19-128, ordered that a special election be called pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 23-15-937 for the office of Senator in Senate District 50 in only the following split precincts in the District:

1. Saucier
2. New Hope
3. Howard Creek
4. Margaret Sherry
5. Biloxi #11 (Donald Snyder)

In declaring the partial revote, the Court stated "The original votes from the Non-Split Precincts of Republican Senate District 50 shall stand as originally counted, and the votes from the Special Election will be counted in addition to the votes originally certified from the Non-Split Precincts of Republican Senate District 50." The Court further stated that the partial revote is "subject to the prohibition found in MCA Section 23-15-575, as amended, pertaining to 'cross-over voting.'"

The Court specified that the special election date shall be set as provided in Miss. Code Ann. Section 23-15-937.

Therefore, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-937 and the Mississippi Constitution, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby issue this Writ of Election and declare that the special election shall be held on November 5, 2019.

The following previously qualified candidates shall appear on the special election ballot: Scott DeLano and Dixie Newman. However, if any candidate files a timely written notice of withdrawal with the Clerk and Election Commissioners of the county, the candidate's name shall be omitted from the ballot in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §23-15-363.

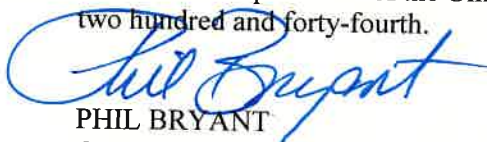
The special election shall be held and notice thereof shall be given in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Mississippi governing special elections. All relevant state laws not in conflict with the terms of this Writ of Election shall apply to this special election.

The Election Commissioners of Harrison County, Mississippi, shall govern themselves accordingly.




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 20th day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

  
PHIL BRYANT  
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR

  
C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.  
SECRETARY OF STATE